

Our Theological department now so well supported by our sisters who paid over six hundred dollars this year for its support would go begging for want of patronage, for many of our young men would drift away from the church and seek other fields of labor, and we might hide our faces with shame that we had commenced to build and were not willing to finish. Could not support our school while some, and in fact nearly all other denominations are supporting a number of colleges. This is now the dark side of the picture, but are facts all the same. But we need not come to this and I pray God we never will.

Only ten thousand dollars will save us from this impending calamity. And about the half is already secured. Shall five thousand dollars short be the cause of failure? No. The almost universal sentiment is to pay for and save the college. But we understand human nature, when an appeal is made you are stirred a little and you feel like doing something, but in a short time you are lulled into a state of indifference and some go to sleep and think, O, well, somebody else will attend to this. Now, please don't do this. Let each one feel a personal interest in this. You are a member of the Brethren church. Don't you feel interested in her welfare, her institutions of learning, our only college? Don't you feel like maintaining our honor, our credit, our reputation? Don't you have charity for the brethren who have advanced their money to save the college and are financially involved? Would you turn a deaf ear and a cold heart to the appeals made for help? We hope not. Will you not respond promptly? I believe you will. This is the final effort to save our college. If we fail now it will be too late. But we need not fail. If we do you will be responsible. Only five thousand more will pay the debt, save the college, our honor, our reputation, and above all some of our brethren from financial ruin.

Now I have given some of the reasons why we should pay the college debt. We, here at Ashland have the cause of the college and church at heart. We are praying, laboring, and sacrificing to make it a success, but we cannot do this alone. We need your co-operation, your sympathy and your patronage. And we trust we shall have it. We are now at the mercy of the creditors and they won't wait long. Please go to work at once. If you need help let us know and we will do all we can. Have your money ready and report to me at Ashland, or John Keim, Louisville, Ohio. Yours for success.

JOSIAH KEIM, Solicitor.

FROM OAKVILLE, IND.

The Oakville church is still alive. Sister Grossnickle succeeded in organizing an S. S. C. E. at her visit. There were two accessions at my last appointment. One by baptism and the other reclaimed. The Sunday-school decided to try Brethren literature for next quarter. They have always used Cook's. I hope they will like and keep the change.

Rossville, Ind. R. R. TEETER.

COMMUNION NOTICE.

The Brethren at Cornell, Ill., will hold communion Saturday evening, June 27th. All are cordially invited to attend.

LOUIS S. BAUMAN, Pastor.

ANNUAL REPORT OF ENON CHURCH IA.

Sermons preached by Pastor,	
At Enon,	95
At Waterloo,	2
At Garrison,	3
At Hudson,	3
Sermons preached by I. D. Bowman at Enon,	22
Sermons preached by Sister Grossnickle, at Enon,	2
Sermons preached by Sister Grossnickle at Waterloo,	1
Sermons preached by Sister Gibbons at Enon,	1
Total number of sermons preached,	129
Total amount of moneys raised by church, \$1144.55. Of this amount about \$800 were the expenses of the church, pastor, revival, and current expenses, the remainder was raised for altruistic purposes entirely.	
Accessions to the church:	
By baptism,	48
By relation,	2
Total,	50

To all appearances the church promises better work for the coming year. The report of moneys raised does not take into account our apportionment to Ashland University debt, which has been partly raised, nor some few small collections which have been taken. Nor does the report of accessions reveal in any direct way the spiritual condition of the members, which only eternity itself will reveal. God has blessed us this year and we pray for more power in the year that now opens. To God be all the glory, to the church and pastor the blessing.

J. L. GILLIN.

IN His favor is life; weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

FACT VS. ARGUMENT.

One fact is sufficient to overthrow a whole volume of argument. This was demonstrated some years ago by a Pennsylvania Dutchman on a Lebanon Valley train. He was so engrossed in conversation that he did not notice when the train stopped at his station. But just as the engine with its great load began to get under way again, he awoke to the fact of his mistake, and sprang to his feet caught the bell rope, gave it a vigorous pull, and as the train slowed up, began to make for the door. Just then he was met by the conductor, who in a fury exclaimed, "You can't do that!" "Yes, but I *did* do it," was the Dutchman's emphatic reply; and with that he leaped safely to the ground, while the angry conductor gesticulated all manner of threats as the train moved on.

Some years ago Professor Huxley proved scientifically that *bathybius*, or deep-sea ooze, is the basis and origin of all life. But one fact brought to light by Professor Murray by means of his deep-sea soundings completely exploded the *bathybius* theory; and Professor Huxley's renowned book, with all its scientific niceties of distinction and its profoundly learned reasonings, was exploded.

Young men, and especially young ministers, "Be sure of your facts." The man whose eyes Christ had opened could not answer all the arguments advanced by the learned Jewish doctors of the law; but the one thing which he *knew*, the *fact* that he was once blind and had received his sight, more than silenced all their objections as to how and the why.

Paul's preaching was based upon facts. It was not mere theory and speculation. With him the great central fact was that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, and that this Jesus had pardoned his sins and set his soul at liberty. "I *know* whom I believed." "We *know* that . . . we have a . . . house . . . eternal in the heavens." These facts gave inspiration to his preaching and enthusiasm to the whole of his life work.

Happy are the preachers who, like Paul, can speak out of a knowledge of facts—out of a full and rich personal experience. Such preaching, even if it be in broken sentences and homely diction, reaches the heart far more readily and effectively than the learned discourse which is all theory, and is not underlaid and inspired by the speaker's personal and experimental knowledge of the *fact* that Jesus Christ hath power on earth to forgive sins.—*Religious Telescope*.

THOSE who lead children need to keep very close to Christ.